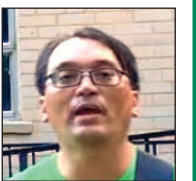




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New Deal Café and Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Sign Historic Contract

by Mark Cheater

On Friday, June 18, New Deal Café Board President Michael Hartman and Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Board President Bill Jones finalized an exciting collaboration between the two longtime community cooperatives. In the agreement, the Café has contracted with the Co-op Supermarket to manage the Café's food and beverage operations for a two-year period, with the option to extend the contract after that time.

"I trust that the New Deal Café members will see this collaboration as an opportunity to find firm footing and sustainability in maintaining our ability to continue our award-winning tradition of great music, poetry and

arts programming," said Hartman. "The New Deal Café will always be enjoyed as Greenbelt's living room and that has not, and will not, ever change."

The agreement names Co-op Supermarket General Manager Dan Gillotte as manager of the Café's food and beverage operations. Gillotte envisions serving breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week at the Café, with a variety of enticing sit-down and "grab-and-go" menu items designed to appeal to a wide range of dietary needs and budgets.

"The Co-op looks forward to serving coffee drinks, smoothies, bagels and baked goods during

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Fireworks Real and Figurative As Council Seeks Normality

by Diane Oberg

At its June 7 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council moved toward normality on a couple of fronts – adopting the county's policies on Covid-19 precautions and hoping to be able to host the July 4 fireworks once again – and generated its own fireworks over hiring a parliamentarian.

Council also met the new assistant city manager and new director of human resources.

Figurative Fireworks

Councilmember Rodney Roberts moved that the city hire a parliamentarian to staff each city council meeting. He said council

was not following its own rules and it needed a parliamentarian to make sure it does. He specifically mentioned the vote on Mayor Colin Byrd's motion at the April 26 regular meeting to form a commission on reparations where four councilmembers abstained, which he said was against council's rules.

City Solicitor Todd Pounds, who serves as parliamentarian under his agreement with the city, pointed out that no parliamentarian will dictate to council how it should proceed. City staff

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Juneteenth at Franklin Park's 3 Sisters Garden Rededication

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

Juneteenth participants flank a statue at the Three Sisters Garden in Franklin Park.

Behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center there's a garden that's at once formal and playful in design. At the garden's center is a wooden sculpture, showing stylized stalks of corn and birds. The raised beds form a circle around the sculpture with paving stones acting like connecting spokes.

This is one of Greenbelt's Three Sisters Gardens, which is run by volunteers from CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) and was rededicated June 19 as part of the city's Juneteenth celebration.

Carolyn Lambright Davis, who manages the Springhill Lake Garden and runs the Earth Squad club of young gardeners, opened the ceremony, welcoming all and introducing Lois Rosado, co-chair of the city's Black History Committee. Rosado then poured a few drops of water onto the grass "to thank our ancestors for

their strength" and as a prayer that in the future "all people of the United States of America can celebrate freedom as we do today, Juneteenth."

Greenbelt's day of celebration was planned before the federal government announced the new

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Trails, Environment, Covid Recovery Engage Council

by Cathie Meetre

In a cordial and constructive council meeting on Monday, June 14, city recreational facilities arose in a number of contexts. One focal point was the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) trail where the city has now received two invoices from WMATA charging \$50K and \$107K, respectively, for "required review fees." A Greek chorus of council members (all with the same script but speaking consecutively) denounced the fees as "outrageous" and Director of Planning Terri Hruby noted that, although the fees are paid out of money set aside by the developer, that simply reduces the amount available overall.

The WMATA reviews are related to electrical, lighting and security camera approval – which have been a much-reviewed and long-standing sticking point – a cyclic problem where WMATA raises a concern, the county gets involved, WMATA reviews the county reviews and then charges review fees before circling back again. Councilmembers Judith Davis and Emmett Jordan pointed

out that the trail is also of benefit to WMATA in fulfilling their federal mandate to make Metro stations more bike- and pedestrian-accessible and wondered why the cost of WMATA's reviews for its own purposes should fall on the city.

Environmental Issues

Councilmember Rodney Roberts several times referred to the irony of using Project Open Space (POS) funds to destroy the environment. In a discussion of a resolution to declare a climate change emergency, he pointed out that about half the city's POS funds are being used for construction (half are required to be reserved for acquisition). He opined that "grandiose" statements on climate change were all very well, but climate change was the result of many thousands of small actions made over the years and that, to change it, many thousands of other small changes would be required. He thought the city should start making those changes.

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PHOTO BY CARMEN BOOKER

Greenbelt Spirit member Kaia Booker settles as teammate Camryn Briscoe looks on. The team completed their season atop their division. See story, page 11.

Editorial

The 2022 Budget Process.....

.....Inefficiencies and Delusions

The Greenbelt City Council reached new heights in inefficiency and delusion during its FY22 budget review. For the first time in our memory, council needed two “final” budget worksessions and came uncomfortably close to not adopting any budget by the June 10 deadline set by the city charter.

The city manager’s proposed budget was extremely tight with total expenditures only \$1,000 below total revenues. Instead of recognizing budget realities, council developed a wish list of nearly \$2 million of items they wanted to add, including at least two full-time positions with no suggestions as to how any of these items would be funded.

Two councilmembers, Emmett Jordan and Rodney Roberts, wanted to lower the city’s tax rate to keep residents’ tax bills from rising with assessments, a reasonable goal. However, during two months of budget worksessions, neither suggested areas to cut nor pressed staff about what could be cut to reach this goal. Instead, each complained at the final budget worksession that nothing had been done by others to meet this goal.

Had the city manager had a process in place to support council in its final discussions, the second final budget worksession might not have been needed (as with every prior budget in Greenbelt history). In the past, staff projected a spreadsheet in the meeting room showing proposed changes to the budget and their effect on the bottom line. If most councilmembers could live with a proposed change it stayed on the spreadsheet; if not, it was immediately removed. This process, which helped visually focus council’s discussion, could have easily translated to Zoom. Without this tool, council floundered.

Mayor Colin Byrd once famously wrote, “I lead my city.” Unfortunately, in this case he did not. Rather than focusing the final budget worksessions on the task at hand, he allowed them to be merely rambling discussions and pooh-poohed the idea that council should reach consensus before the final meeting to adopt the budget. He did not even identify his desired \$650,000 in additions to the budget until late in the first final budget worksession and presented at least one of those as not merely a suggestion but a demand. This is not how a leader builds support for his ideas.

The city faces significant economic challenges. Its tax base is unlikely to significantly expand as most of the land is already developed. Especially if revenues do not rebound after the pandemic, it will have difficulty funding all of its needs including replacing critical staff and funding new projects such as repairing and maintaining the Greenbelt Armory while managing its existing stock of aging buildings. Council, manager and staff need to work together to figure out the city’s priorities and how to fund them. Doing so will require council to be more grounded in reality, more focused on hard financial concerns and with greater staff support than was evident during this year’s budget process.

Letters to the Editor

Mathews Steps Down

I am retiring from the Greenbelt Police Department, effective Friday, June 18.

It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Greenbelt for 30 of my over 42 years in law enforcement. I’d also like to thank the local and regional media for their cooperation and keeping me on my toes.

I won’t list everyone, as I’m sure I would miss a few, but thanks to all those who have

helped me on this rewarding journey. You know who you are.

Be safe,

George Mathews
Greenbelt Police Department



City Notes

Greenbelt celebrated June-teenth with inspiring events. More than 50 viewers enjoyed the Museum’s virtual lecture about the North End.

Animal Control rescued birds from three buildings. The shelter hosts three dogs, four cats, nine kittens and a rabbit. Park rangers began summer patrol hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily at all parks.

Planning and Community Development sent anti-maglev letters to Congress. Horticulture/Parks trimmed trees at the new Moonlight Movie location and Sustainability/Environmental received the National Pollinator Week Proclamation.

Refuse/Recycling collected 30.32 tons of refuse and 12.29 tons of recyclables. Maintenance installed an urn at the cemetery and a circuit for Wi-Fi at Public Works.

The Community Center gym stage project is finished. Arts staff began creating props and costumes for Creative Kids Camp and videos for virtual art classes at Springhill Lake Elementary. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated meal delivery for 29 seniors.

CARES’ Liz Park attended a seminar on eviction prevention.

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At 1 Gardenway, a very human-tolerant rabbit waits calmly while the photographer goes inside his house, grabs a camera and makes several informal portraits.

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7/12 It Happened One Night

7/19 Father of the Bride

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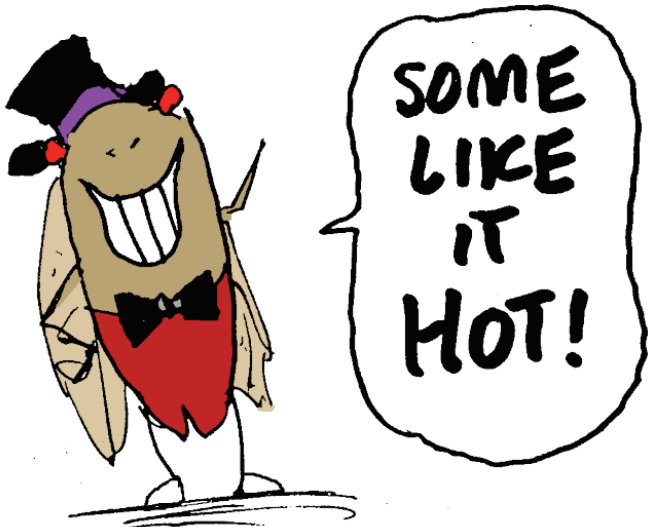
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Friday, July 2nd - 5-7pm



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greenbelttheatre.org

Pete Reppert



UMD Reporter

Melissa Signorini, a Maryland journalism major soon to graduate, is an intern writing for the News Review.

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Community Events

CRAB Holds Forums On Just Policing Act

The Community Relations Advisory Board is hosting two forums to discuss aspects of Mayor Colin Byrd’s proposed Fair & Just Policing Act and changes to policing mandated by the Maryland State Legislature. The first forum will be held on Thursday, July 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the second will be held on Sunday, July 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Both forums are currently scheduled as online/Zoom meetings but a change in city policy to allow open meetings will be welcome. The intent of these sessions is to help understand our fellow residents’ perspective, not to argue or convince one another.

Details will be forthcoming as to how to join these forums. There will also be an opportunity in advance of the forums for statements or questions from individuals or groups. These statements or questions will be reviewed in advance of the sessions and incorporated by the facilitator as appropriate. Police Chief Richard Bowers has offered participation from police officers at one of the sessions. CRAB has asked that police not attend one forum to accommodate those who wish to speak without police present.

As an alternative, city staff are working on the details of the website for a short questionnaire that citizens can complete and submit online. It will contain the same questions that will be the focus of forum discussion.

GIVES Holds Virtual Meeting on June 26

Greenbelt Intergenerational Voluntary Services Exchange will have its virtual quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Special guest presenter Crystal Batey from GAIL will discuss transportation options for seniors in Greenbelt.

Bylaws will be reviewed and there will be an election of new officers. Zoom information and meeting documents will be emailed to the membership. Those without email can call 301-507-6580 for Zoom telephone information. Email givesoffice@gmail.com for additional information.

GCC Sponsors Take And Give Drives

Anyone need toys or household basics? Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ at 1 Hillside Road is holding a Free Fun Drive on Sunday, June 27 from 11:30 a.m. until the stuff is gone. The items will be put on long tables outside the church. Participants can take what they need.

Conversely, anyone have things to get rid of? GCC will be hosting a decluttering donation drive on the same Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Soft goods (clothing, bedding, etc.) are preferable to hard goods but both will be taken. Items to be donated should be placed in 30-gallon plastic bags, if possible. GCC will load a trailer and take all donations to Value Village thrift stores. The money earned will go to the charities supported by the church including Greenbelt CARES. Donation receipts are available.

A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past six years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful, peaceful setting that is welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and anyone can attend from the comfort of one’s own home.

Class sizes have ranged from eight to 19 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a desire to quiet their bodies, minds and spirits and to deepen inner stillness while improving their ability to reconnect with themselves. Class participants have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed and mindful, both during and between classes. Many individuals have experienced a greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

A difference has been made in many people’s lives when utilizing meditation practices that teach one to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Summer classes started Monday, June 21 and will continue from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. every other Monday through September 13. For more information email Katrina Boverman at Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call her at 301-641-1035.

Join Connecting Across Greenbelt

Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is joining with Unplugged for a day of outdoor fun with croquet and lawn games on Sunday, June 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Library.

CAG meets monthly to build understanding of one another, to encourage inclusivity, cultivate relationships and determine the necessary actions to ensure that the city’s resources and services are equitably distributed. Activities are held in all areas of Greenbelt to promote important conversations as a way to create a city welcoming to everyone.

CAG is a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. The group is building multiple resources. The first is research-tested coping strategies for self-care and stress management called the Caring and Connecting Toolkit (bit.ly/CAGtoolkit). To find out about the group’s monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email communityconnections gb@gmail.com.

At the Library

The library is now open to the public, with hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper level entrance. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms will remain closed. Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at pgcm ls.info/reopening or 240-455-5451. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a third-party book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

These Books Made Me

The library has launched the podcast: These Books Made Me, exploring the literary heroines who shaped the podcasters. In the debut episode, they discuss “Harriet the Spy” by Louise Fitzhugh. Harriet captivated her readers for generations but looking back, was Harriet a good role model? Or even a good person? Visit the podcast blog at pgcm ls.medium.com.

Mobile Printing, Hotspots

The Greenbelt Library now offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black and white pages are free. More information is available at pgcm ls.info/mobile-printing.

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

Summer@Your Library

The Washington Nationals and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System are partnering for a second year on “Summer @ Your Library,” Prince George’s County’s summer reading and library engagement program. The 2021 theme is Tails and Tales and it will be offered in English and Spanish for all ages. This year’s program runs through Friday, August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.

Museum Continues Peace Month Posters

The Greenbelt Museum’s Peace Month activity is ongoing. The Museum is asking citizens to create a poster answering the question, “What does peace look like?”

They ask that citizens share their posters with neighbors by placing them in a window. Anyone who wants to share a poster with the Greenbelt Museum for display on their social media pages and website, should take a picture and send it to education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

Happy Peace Month!

Astronomical Society To Meet Virtually

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold its monthly meeting over Zoom starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24. The speaker will be Kevin Wilson, who will give a presentation on “Ancient Babylonian Astronomical Texts.” The Zoom link will be made available before the meeting on the Astronomical Society website, greenbeltastro.org.

Monday Matinees Start at OGT in July

Old Greenbelt Theatre is back with Monday Matinees. There will be two screenings every Monday throughout the month of July: showtimes are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The movie lineup is as follows: July 5, Rear Window; July 12, It Happened One Night; July 19, Father of the Bride; and July 26, Shadow of a Doubt. Shows will have a limited capacity of 50 people per screening. Tickets are free. They can be picked up at the theater on Tuesday, June 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, June 30 from 10 a.m. to noon; Thursday, July 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.; and Friday, July 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.



Beyond Honey Bees: Talk on Pollinators

Join City of Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll on Sunday, June 27 at 7 p.m. for a presentation on native pollinators and the important role they play in the environment. He will look beyond honey bees and discover some less-well-known species, the habitats and plants they prefer, and how to help in yards and the community.

This is the last of the environmental Zoom series sponsored by the Green Teams of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC and the City of Greenbelt. RSVP to Jane Young at gccjane@aol.com for Zoom information.

Golden Age Club Ice Cream Social

The Greenbelt Golden Age club will meet in person for an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. The social will be held at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Metal chairs will be available or attendees can bring their own chair.

Members must register/RSVP by Monday, June 28 so that the correct amount of ice cream can be purchased. Register with Becky Sutfin at Rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov. Unvaccinated people should wear a mask.

Zoom PlayFest Is This Weekend

The Rude Mechanicals, in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center, will hold their second Annual 24-Hour Zoom Fest on Saturday, June 26 at 8 p.m. Writers, directors and actors will create, rehearse and perform several new short plays, all within a 24-hour time period.

At 8 p.m. on Friday, June 25, writers are given their prompts and number of actors via email. The prompts will be a few words that writers must incorporate, either as phrases or concepts. They then have 12 hours to write a short script (up to 10 minutes). At 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, the directors are given their scripts and actors. They then have 12 hours to rehearse their script. At 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, the plays will be performed live on Zoom and streamed to YouTube for the audience.

To watch the new plays, visit the website greenbeltartscenter.org. Donations are accepted.

4th July Fireworks

Greenbelt’s annual fireworks display will take place at Buddy Attick Park on Sunday, July 4, at approximately 9 p.m. and will last 20 to 30 minutes.

The parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals. For information in case of inclement weather, call the Recreation hotline at 301-474-0646.



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	Strata	follows FILM on the half-hour
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
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Community Church Resumes In-person Services, Activities

by Jo-Anne Fournier

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ is regathering for in-person services. “This is an exciting time as we will be able to worship in person once again!” said Stephen Isler, the church moderator.

On Monday, June 14, 32 people gathered for GCC’s first outdoor Service of Praise on the church lawn to give thanks to God, share prayers in fellowship, read scripture and share their hopes for the community regathering. Ken, Naomi, Josh and Ian Littlefield sang “Trading My Sorrow.” Ken shared, “It is an upbeat, joyful song, very appropriate as we recover from the pandemic and regather in person.”

On Sunday, June 20, 54 people gathered in the Sanctuary for worship, for the first time in 18 months. “It was wonderful to see so many people gathered together,” said Diane Wogaman as she gazed at masked and socially distanced worshipers. Other people mentioned the joy of experiencing live music – the organ, guitar and piano. After services, people gathered outside for a short reception and a chance to chat with friends they have not visited with for the last year. A special thanks to the many GCC volunteers who have been working tirelessly to create a joyful, safe and respect-full worship experience for all.

During the pandemic, the church has not been idle. Many of GCC’s leaders, members, friends and the Greenbelt community continued to strongly support GCC’s mission effort, through Zoom, Facebook, YouTube and the church website. It’s amazing how the word “mission,” a word often seen as old fashioned, can be so relevant today and easy to continue using modern technology.

The Board of Missions has been working to identify problems and solutions in Greenbelt during the Covid-19 pandemic that will continue to affect the larger community and the world. Like many other groups, they have identified food insecurity, which will continue to exist for many people far into the future. During the last year, especially from January to May, funds were collected in special offerings and fundraisers and distributed to Help-By-Phone, a local foodbank and the College Park Meals on



Wheels that serves Greenbelt. Additionally, Marty Folk led the Super Bowl of Caring and the Crop Walk campaigns bringing in an additional \$7,680. Of that, 75 percent will be used to fight world hunger and 25 percent used locally to support Help-By-Phone.

Special Missions offerings for the months of June and July will support charitable programs run by the City of Greenbelt for our neighbors in need. Lorian Scheff, chair of the Board of Missions, identified the programs as the Good Samaritan Fund that aids Greenbelt residents in paying utilities and supports the food

pantry at St. Hugh’s church and the Emergency Assistance Program to aid Greenbelt residents in paying rent to avoid eviction. For further information on these two funds see greenbeltmd.gov/government/cityadministration/finance/charitable-fund.

During the regathering, the Board of Community Life is planning several activities including outdoor concerts, a cloth donation drive, a sneaker collection and other fundraisers. To find out about these activities and a schedule of services, visit the website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel.



From left, Josh, Naomi (on flute), Ian and Ken Littlefield perform at the June 14 Praise Services at the Community Church.

- Photos by Karen Yoho

Rev. Curt Demars-Johnson opens the Community Church door for in-person services.



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Rev. Lynn Strauss, Minister, with Worship Associate Tricia Most

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“The honor and distinction of the individual consist in this, that he among all the world’s multitudes should become a source of social good. Is any larger bounty conceivable than this, that an individual, looking within himself, should find that by the confirming grace of God he has become the cause of peace and well-being, of happiness and advantage to his fellow men?” – ‘Abdu'l-Bahá

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City Information & Events

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VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JUNE 28 - JULY 2

NO COUNCIL MEETINGS OR WORK SESSIONS- Maryland Municipal League Conference

Wednesday, June 30
ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, at 7:30pm, via Zoom
Discuss/Finalize APB Report on Beltway Plaza Detailed Site Plan

Thursday, July 1
BOARD OF ELECTIONS, at 6:00pm, via Zoom

- Candidate Packet Update (Draft Text Context)
- Recommendation to Council regarding Election Questionnaire
- Mail--In Voting Application
- Other Business

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

JUNE IS PEACE MONTH

POSTERS FOR PEACE MONTH

To celebrate Peace Month and to highlight the history and impact of peace artwork and posters, the Greenbelt Museum invites you to be a part of our peace poster event activity throughout June. From Picasso's Guernica in 1937 to Vietnam-era homemade signs to posters we've seen in the past year, human expression has a huge impact on changing the world.



We respect the art form and ask:
What does peace look like?

Create a sign or poster in response! If you want to share the work with our community, please put the sign in your window for Peace Month in June. The Museum would love to see a photo of your poster in the window! If you'd like us to share your photo on our Facebook page or website please send a photo to education@greenbeltmuseum.org. All ages are encouraged to participate!



Firefly Viewing

Come to the Greenbelt Firefly Sanctuary and watch the beautiful, mystical fireflies put on their annual show.
Bring a camp chair and relax under the stars.

Saturdays, July 10th and 17th, anytime from 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Learn about fireflies and their habitats from a Sanctuary Committee member.

The Sanctuary is located in the Stream Valley Park. To get there, park in the St. Hugh's School parking lot, walk across Crescent Road (push the button for the pedestrian-crossing light first, for visibility). Follow the lighted path up to the Sanctuary. Or enter the path from the opposite direction, through the pedestrian tunnel under Hillside Road, which is lighted.

Water will be available and you won't be bombarded by cicadas – they'll be gone by the time these two events take place!

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Later in the meeting, when Roberts was asked by Mayor Colin Byrd to clarify his assertion about using POS funds for destruction, Roberts pointed out that the Buddy Attick Master Plan – partially funded by POS – required the destruction of numerous pine trees merely to add a couple of parking spaces. He pointed out that the majority of the POS funds expended benefited the residents of the central part of the city – who already had good access to open spaces – rather than the residents of Greenbelt West, who had almost none. Other council members in turn responded with counter examples of projects citywide to challenge his view, but Roberts was not mollified. Using POS funds to pave things over and cut down trees, he said, “made him sick.”

Roberts also (during the Pollinator Week proclamation discussion) noted that Public Works had sprayed herbicide to control the weeds on the bridge that spans the Stream Park at Hillside Road – where, especially as it was raining, chemicals were likely to drip into the Firefly Preserve area surrounding the stream below the bridge. He cautioned Public Works to be more attentive to their use of chemicals.

Council debated at length about the proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing project. (There will be a story in next week's issue.)

Covid-19 Impacts

Covid-19 was also thematic as council discussed the continuing effects of the pandemic on the pool opening and the Labor Day Festival. Recreation Director Greg Varda said that the city gyms would be open without reservations starting Monday, July 12 and that a group of lifeguards were about to complete their training so pools would hopefully be open without reservations before July 4, although health department regulations were still to be navigated.

He commented, ruefully, that re-opening was proving to be significantly more challenging than closing down. With summer camps starting the week of June 20, where attending children are still too young to be vaccinated, stringent control would still be required to ensure the safety of campers and city staff. Council-member Silke Pope requested that more information on opening schedules be available via social media so that people wouldn't be confused.

Also impacted is the Labor Day Festival, which will continue (as reported in the June 17 issue of the News Review) but without a carnival. Still in question is the Parade, which must pass numerous county permitting hurdles. City Manager Nicole Ard noted that the city had done all that was requested of it relating to the parade permit but the action and authority now rested with the county. Roberts remarked that he thought the city had become too dependent on outside paid entertainment like the carnival and paid game booths and had lost its original impetus. He would welcome a “retro” festival that returned to booths run by the organizations themselves to raise money for their activities.

Also related to Covid-19, there has been a moratorium on evictions during the pandemic, which

is to lift shortly, affecting many city renters. Resident Lore Rosenthal requested that the city government become the focal point for organizing a forum on the topic. She noted that while there were volunteers ready to assist, only the city had the comprehensive reach to involve renters, landlords and the many others with a stake. Ard replied that CARES Director Dr. Elizabeth Parks would be available starting June 28 but did not commit the city to organizing an event.

In-person Council Meetings

Council voted to begin in-person meetings in July, possibly with a worksession on Wednesday, July 7 to work out any kinks in the process before the regular council meeting on Monday, July 12. Although the rule in the city offices is masks must be worn, council felt that CDC rules should apply to the meeting with masks required of those who were not vaccinated. There was also a sentiment to maintain some level of distancing, though both three and six feet were mentioned. The motion carried, with Ard noting that there were still some concerns about microphones and the logistics of remote access for those uncomfortable with in-person access.

Other Items

In other city news, an illegal auto rally held in the vicinity of Beltway Plaza resulted in an injury (the individual has recovered) before it was stopped by the police. The police will be moving to prevent such activities immediately and residents are encouraged not to participate. In another vehicle-related concern, Jordan bewailed the state of Greenbelt Road where WSSC is first tearing up and then patching the road. He notes that the patches are failing, leaving potholes which, he observed, will only get worse as the summer heats up and distorts the asphalt.

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had gathered quotes on the cost for this service, which ran from \$125/hour to \$225/hour. The June 7 meeting ran for more than 4.5 hours, which would have resulted in charges ranging from \$562 to \$1,012.

Acknowledging that his motion appeared to contradict his stand during the budget debate earlier in the meeting that nothing be added to the manager's proposed budget, Roberts said he wanted the city to fund the position within the existing budget. Ard said that the relevant budget area is legal expenses, where \$150,000 is allocated for general legal services.

This item proved quite contentious, featuring a fair amount of council argument and chastisements by two residents of council's conduct. Bill Orleans suggested the mayor concentrate on presiding over the meeting and only commenting when necessary and Bob Rudd called council's incessant arguing a disgrace.

Finding little support for his motion, Roberts withdrew it.



Actual Fireworks

The county still has restrictions in place that may make it difficult for the city to hold the annual fireworks display on July 4. Council strongly supported bringing the fireworks back and the Department of Public Works applied for a permit about one month ago. Director Jim Sterling has a meeting scheduled with the fire marshal to get the permit. He said he was “pretty confident” they can hold the show this year.

Covid Restrictions

Council agreed to adopt the county's guidelines for Covid-19 reopening and masks. In line with the flexibility afforded property owners under county guidelines, the city will continue to require masks to be worn inside city facilities.



Dawane Martinez, the new HR Director

New Faces

City Manager Nicole Ard introduced two new senior city officials: Assistant City Manager Tim George and Human Resources Director Dawane Martinez. Ard noted that Martinez is a certified human resources professional and has experience in gender and diversity issues. George is a certified economic developer and has experience in city administration.

Air Conditioning

Byrd moved to direct the city solicitor to draft an ordinance that would require landlords to supply and maintain air conditioning at 80 degrees or less from April 1 through September 30. This motion was defeated due to conflicting county regulations that require air conditioning be provided between June 1 and September 30 and to provide heat until May 15.

Proclamations

Byrd issued proclamations declaring June as Peace Month; Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Queer Pride Month; declaring the week of June 5 Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week; and retroactively declaring June 4 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Greenbelt.



Tim George, the new Assistant City Manager

- Photos courtesy City of Greenbelt

Petitions and Requests

Orleans noted that the eviction moratorium expires at the end of June. He called upon the city to hold a worksession to discuss what options are available to tenants facing eviction.

Lore Rosenthal called upon council to hold a worksession on how to spend the funds it will receive under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Michael Hartman noted that it has been 40 years since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention first reported upon the disease now known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Thirty-two million people have died of that disease, he said.

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Greenbelt Pottery Group Member In Creative Crafts Council Show

by Anne Gardner

Two ceramic pieces by Greenbelt Pottery Group member Lorraine Aldridge are among the works currently featured in the 2021 Creative Crafts Council 33rd Biennial at Strathmore Mansion. The exhibition features some of the top work in a wide variety of craft media, from quilting to fine metalwork, created by artists from the mid-Atlantic region. The biennial show aims to celebrate American craft and the traditions and innovation of local artisans.

This year the show features 160 artworks from 105 artists. Their work was selected from 478 entries by a panel of three local fine crafts artists. The show spans the first and second floors of the mansion. Aldridge says, “I was thrilled to be chosen to participate.”

Aldridge is represented by a thrown vase and a hand-built jar. Her work took a new direction recently, after she fractured her wrist and was no longer able to throw pots on the potter’s wheel. She moved to hand-building instead. According to Aldridge, “I enjoyed the challenge. The surface decoration ties the pieces together. I used a technique called sgraffito to scratch through white slip to expose the clay beneath it.” Aldridge participates in Ceramics Open Studio and other programs at the Community Center. Her work has been featured in the city’s annual juried Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair.

The Strathmore exhibition is open now and will run through July 24 at Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. All the artworks in the show are available to be purchased, with pickup after the exhibit closes on July 24. The gallery and gift shop hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition visit creativecraftscouncil.org/2021-biennial.html, and to view more of Aldridge’s work go to her Etsy shop at etsy.com/shop/LorrainesPottery.

For information about Community Center ceramics programs



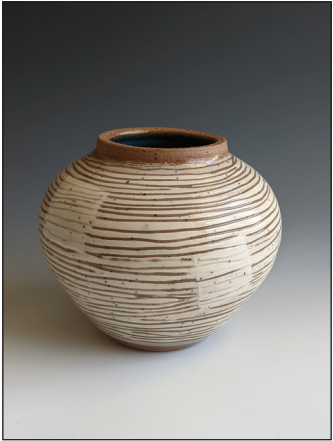
Lorraine Aldridge works in her studio.

PHOTO COURTESY LORRAINE ALDRIDGE

and more for all ages, see the summer activity guide posted at greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation. For information and to apply for the 2021 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.



This hand-built jar, and the wheel-thrown piece below, by Lorraine Aldridge, are featured in a show at Strathmore Mansion.



- Photos courtesy Lorraine Aldridge

Council Ponders High Security Deposits, School Redistricting

by Cathie Meetre

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

At the June 14 Greenbelt City Council meeting, Mayor Colin Byrd suggested requiring landlords to allow incoming renters to have the option of paying their security deposit over three months if the deposit is more than 60 percent of the monthly rent. Councilmember Judith Davis commented that she thought the security deposit was always at least equal to the first month’s rent, making the 60 percent stipulation moot. She also asked if it has been done elsewhere. Charisse Lue of a Baltimore-based housing equity group, at Byrd’s request, clarified that this is one of a number of strategies being developed to facilitate better housing access for those of limited means. The payment over time would be an additional amount added to their rent for the installment period and could be paid off earlier at the renter’s discretion.

Catch-22

Davis – noting it had been a long time since she rented – asked about the situation faced by today’s renters. A resident from Franklin Park walked council through the realities for today’s low-income renter. She described why, for a low-income person

receiving various types of assistance, the security deposit is a major hurdle. Tenants must generally pay a security deposit to move into their new place long before they have the right to receive the refunded security deposit from their previous landlord. In fact, she said, for much of the time in substandard housing situations especially, the security deposit is never returned regardless of how well-behaved the renter. With few resources, the renter has little or no power to do anything about it. In addition, though the prospective renter may have a rental voucher or housing assistance, these cannot be used to fund a security deposit. People are thus trapped in substandard housing not so much because they cannot pay the ongoing rent but because if they have enough savings to pay for the security deposit, they automatically stop qualifying for either housing assistance or food stamps.

Despite fears by Councilmember Emmett Jordan that the city would face lawsuits and Councilmember Edward Putens’ desire for more information, the motion to draft the ordinance passed by a narrow margin.

Redistricting Fears

The Prince George’s County School Board is holding meetings on school districting changes to take effect for the school year

beginning in September 2022. Council was strongly opposed to any solution that made the default school for Greenbelt students outside the city. Councilmember Silke Pope was particularly concerned that the hard-won battle to get Greenbelt Station students to Eleanor Roosevelt High School might be undone in the process. Council voted to send a letter to the school board and school superintendent to express their concern and suggest preliminary discussions with the city.

There was also a suggestion to ask Greenbelt’s school board member Joshua Thomas to brief council. Pope noted that the meetings are public and suggested that residents with children in public school make it a point to participate.



Common whitetail dragonfly

PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by August 2, 2021, to: Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road; Greenbelt, MD 20770
or outstandingcitizengb@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person’s good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **August 2nd** deadline.

Nominated by:

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Thank you!



A Clematis blooms along Southway.

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Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Greenbelters Purchase Office Building in Roosevelt Center

by Melissa Signorini



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

The Granite Building, previously known as The Greenbelt Professional Building, has new owners.

Historic Greenbelt will soon have some new tenants. Three Greenbelt families have purchased the establishment previously known as The Greenbelt Professional Building in Roosevelt Center. As of the official purchase date of the property, located at 115 Centerway, the building will be renamed The Granite Building.

In a Facebook post, owner David Frauenheim said, “We named it after Dr. David Granite, who has been part of this community for many years and ran his practice in this building.” Frauenheim and his husband Michael join Kim Kash and Michael Cooney, as well as Brandon and Taylor Cantwell Cole in taking over the property and refurbishing and repurposing it for community needs and use.

Over the summer, the new owners will restore the building to its mid-century good looks both inside and out. The owners

hope to open the doors for tenants by Labor Day. Tenants will include Be Smart Homes, which is Frauenheim’s interior design business, and many more to be announced soon.

Realtor and property owner Kash said, “We think this building will be a stylish, fun place for people to establish their ‘home away from home office’ and hope it will bring new energy to Roosevelt Center. We’re going to have 28 offices for small business owners and folks who’ve been working from home.” Amenities will include a conference room, a Zoom room, high-speed internet and free parking. Short-term leases are available.

More information regarding leasing and renovation updates is available at TheGraniteBuilding.com.

Melissa Signorini is an intern writing for the News Review this summer.

Co-op to Hold Hiring Event

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket is hosting a hiring event at the New Deal Café. Co-op is seeking friendly, energetic and experienced applicants who want to make and serve great food and beverages at the New Deal Café. There are several full- and part-time positions to be filled: counter servers, food prep, cooks, dishwashers and bartenders, as well as shift supervisors. Weekend availability preferred. Co-op will hold an open interview on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center in Greenbelt.



Chamber of Commerce Dream Big Awards

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce seeks to recognize the very best in American small business. The annual Dream Big Awards program honors the achievements of small businesses and highlights their contributions to America’s economic growth. To be eligible for the Dream Big Awards, applicants must be a for-profit business operating for at least one year primarily within the United States and have fewer than 250 employees or gross revenues of less than \$20 million for each of 2019 and 2020. The application deadline is Friday, July 16.

Applicants can apply for up to two Business Achievement Awards and all applicants will be considered for the Small Business of the Year Award, which entails national recognition and a \$25,000 cash prize.

The award categories are Dream Big Small Business of the Year, Emerging Business Achievement Award, Green/Sustainable Business Achievement Award, Minority-Owned Business Achievement Award, Veteran-Owned Business Achievement Award, LGBTQ-Owned Business Achievement Award, Woman-Owned Business Achievement Award, Young Entrepreneur Achievement Award, and Community Support and Leadership Award.

For more information and to apply, visit uschamber.com/dream-big-awards.

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the day and a great selection of crowd-pleasing hot entrees and sides at night along with late night noshes like tater tots, onion rings, potato wedges and more!” says Gillotte. He plans to “soft open” the Café in July, with a solid but limited menu expanding from there. “It normally takes much longer for a business to go from contract negotiations to opening day but we know how excited everyone is to get back to the fun at New Deal so we’re running as fast as we can to make that a reality!”

“I knew when we hired Dan Gillotte as our Co-op general manager that he would positively lead our Co-op grocery to great success,” said Jones. “I’m thrilled to see that he will be doing the same for our beloved New Deal Café.”

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket will host an open interview session on Saturday, June 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Café. “We’re looking forward to meeting many friendly, energetic and experienced folks who want to make and serve great food and beverages to their neighbors in historic Roosevelt Center,” said

Gillotte. Any interested candidates should arrive planning to fill out an application and be interviewed on Saturday. Co-op is looking to fill several positions: counter servers, food prep, cooks, dishwashers and bartenders as well as some shift supervisor roles.

The Café’s long-time music manager, Amethyst Dwyer, will continue booking the area’s best and most enticing musical acts to perform onstage in the Café’s beautifully updated back room. Her efforts have brought the Café multiple awards, including a 2020 Washington City Paper nod as Best Place to Experience Local Music. The Café’s new arts coordinator, Shaymar Higgs, has already installed his first art display in the Café’s windows and has exciting plans for bringing in a diverse array of new talent to exhibit on the Café’s walls. And the Café will continue to host the popular and long-running monthly Reel and Meal film program, poetry readings, open mics and other arts- and community-related events.

Mark Cheater is a member of the New Deal Café’s board of directors.



PHOTO COURTESY THE NEW DEAL CAFÉ

On Friday, June 18, New Deal Café Board President Michael Hartman, left, and Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Board President Bill Jones sign a collaboration contract.



Cicada Mania Crowns Labor Day Photo Show

After 17 years, the “Cicada Mania” category is returning to the 2021 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show.

While the nonprofit Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is currently trying to determine what activities will be a part of the Festival this year, the Photo Show will definitely be happening, even if it ends up being only online again.

So get out there and take some great pictures of cicadas. Look for updates about the 2021 Festival with details on how to enter.

Congrats to Bozzuto

Three cheers to the Bozzuto Group, headquartered on Ivy Lane in Greenbelt. The Washington Post recently named them 2021’s Number Two Top Workplace among largest employers.



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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft
June 10, 1:50 p.m., Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. A 55-year-old resident was arrested and charged with theft by officers who observed a suspicious vehicle stopped in the roadway. The tags on it had been reported stolen to Prince George’s County police. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 12, 6:02 p.m., 6007 Springhill Drive. Two packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

June 13, 6:24 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A locker was forced open at Planet Fitness and a backpack was removed. Credit cards in the pack were then used to make unauthorized purchases.

Cocaine
June 12, 9:16 a.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A 19-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine after he was stopped for a registration violation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Fraud
June 10, 1:30 p.m., 7919 Mandan Road. A man placed a letter containing a check in the mailbox located near Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road. Unknown person(s) gained possession of the check, changed the amount and name of payee and deposited it.

Vehicle Crime
Two vehicles were stolen. A gray 2014 Mercedes E320 with

Maryland tags 6EL8861 was taken from 6003 Springhill Drive on June 11. A silver 2006 Saturn Ion with Maryland tags 03EP5168 was taken from 9130 Edmonston Road on June 12.

Three vehicles were recovered. Two of them were located on the same day, June 10, in the same location, 2700 block Langston Place, S.E., both by the Metropolitan Police. The 2009 Toyota RAV4 was reported stolen February 14 from 6118 Breeze-wood Court and the 2011 Toyota Sienna on March 2 from 9120 Edmonston Court. The tags on the latter vehicle at the time of theft, Maryland 9DH8708, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

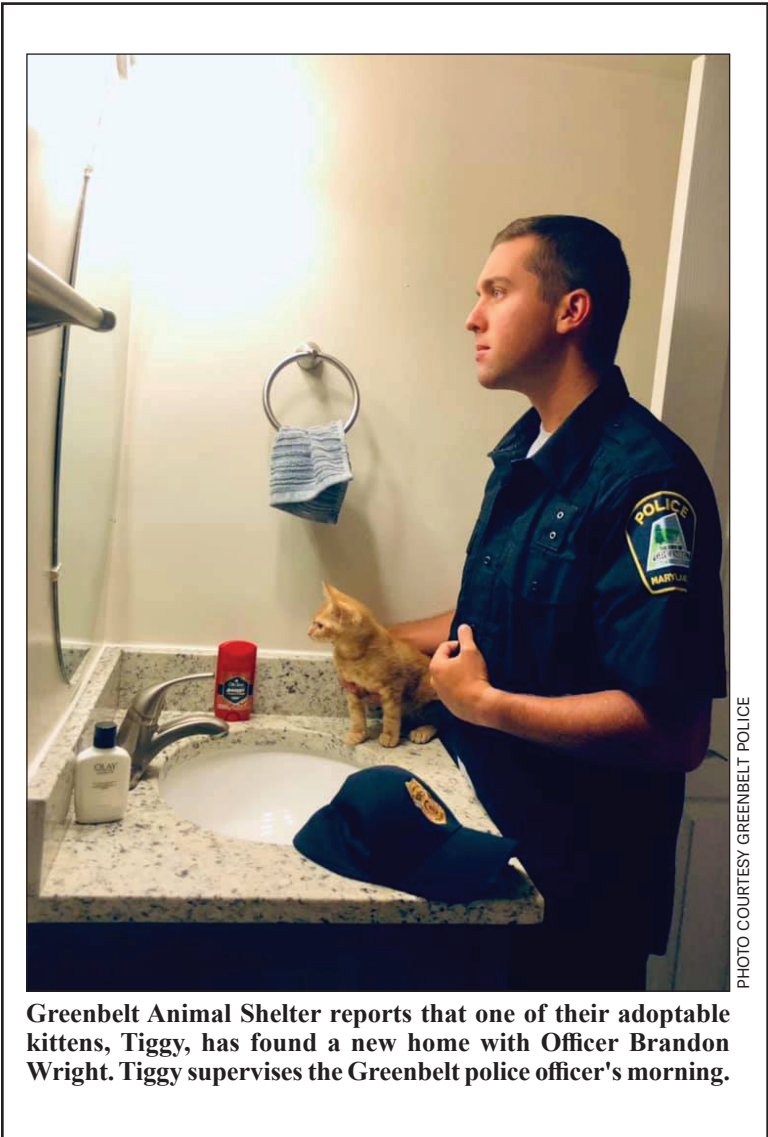
The third recovered vehicle was a 2018 Land Rover, reported stolen to Wayne, N.J., police and recovered at 7901 Mandan Road.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle at 7200 Hanover Drive on June 16.

Two tags, Maryland 3DR7989, were taken from 6938 Hanover Parkway on June 14 and rear Maryland tag 94933CJ was taken from 8020 Greenbelt Station Parkway on June 15.

Two thefts occurred after windows had been broken to gain access. A wallet was taken at 6101 Cherrywood Lane and a handicap placard from 5811 Cherrywood Lane.

Windows were broken out in three vehicles at 5800 block Cherrywood Lane in order to gain access. It is not known if anything was taken.



Greenbelt Animal Shelter reports that one of their adoptable kittens, Tiggy, has found a new home with Officer Brandon Wright. Tiggy supervises the Greenbelt police officer's morning.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need
The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. A donation box for sneakers will be placed outside the Fellowship Center, the small building behind the church, for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside.

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County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals
Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will operate its annual Summer Food Service Program beginning Wednesday, June 16 through Wednesday, August 18. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meal packages will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 62 schools, including Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools. Students attending in-school summer programs will receive breakfast and lunch.
Visit the PGCPS website for a complete list of school and library meal sites or find a nearby meal distribution site by visiting MDsummerMeals.org.

Boxwood Scholarship Deadline Approaches
The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students.
The application form should be completed and returned by Wednesday, June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For further information or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, July 1, 2021

A. GHI Special Open Session – begins at 7:00 pm (open to members and visitors)

- Approve Motion to Hold Executive Session Meeting on July 1, 2021

B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on May 20, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on June 3, 2021
- Selection of an Audit Firm for the 2021 External Audit -1st reading
- 2021 Contract for Underground Utility Repairs and Drainage Improvements – 1st reading
- Member Complaint Matters

C. GDC Open Session – begins at 7:45 pm (open to members and visitors)

- Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on June 3, 2021
- Review 2021 1st Quarter Financial Statements

D. GHI Open Session begins after the GDC Open Session meeting adjourns (open to members and visitors)

- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on May 20, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on May 20, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on June 3, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on June 3, 2021
- Proposal to Designate an Existing Patch of Neighborhood Woods as a Bird Hostel and Habitat
- Task Force Report re: Proposed Solar PVES Pre-paid Contract Agreement
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- Buildings Committee Recommendation re: Adoption of Heat Pump Water Heaters as the Standard Type of Unit for Masonry Homes
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- Two Proposed Changes to Make Board Meetings More Efficient

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Sports

Greenbelt Spirit Women Top Their Soccer Division

by Patrick Gleason



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Greenbelt Spirit members from left, Natalia Rincon, Alexis Casey, Man Lun, Grace Zack, and Isabela Martins head to their positions.

Soccer returned to Greenbelt this spring, with plenty of enthusiasm, energy and excitement. Rather fitting for the high-school-aged Greenbelt Spirit, who completed their season atop their division with the Soccer Association of Columbia, sporting a 6-1-1 record. The team resumed play at the end of March, after the 2020 season was cancelled at the advent of the pandemic.

Isabela Martins, Grace Zack and Man Lun solidified the Spirit's strong defense throughout the season, while Charlesima James led the team – and the league – in goals scored, with an array of strikes created through her shifty footwork and precise placement. Camryn Briscoe, Genesis Richards and Danisha Rose provided speed on the wings, while sisters Alexis and Alyssa Casey helped support a midfield catalyzed by the strong defensive-minded presence of Kaia Booker. Newcomers Jaquelin Villeda, Angel Ng-

wane and Yeabkal Abeje quickly took to their roles thanks to the guidance of veteran players like Meegane Konchou and Leah Booker, who helped connect the mixture of new players with strong leadership skills.

The team exemplified the spirit of the “beautiful game” by unifying an eclectic group of players to complete their successful season. While a majority of players are students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the team also included players from Northwestern High, Charles Carroll Middle, Martin Luther King Middle and even University of Maryland freshman Natalia Rincon, the team's longest tenured member, still eligible under the league's rules.

Most players have now joined their respective summer practices for their high schools but the joy and excitement of a season postponed an entire year leaves them with plenty of hope – and spirit.



PHOTO BY MELANIE GASCHICK

Leonora Gaschick stands beside a cicada-covered tree on Ridge Road.

Volunteer Shortage Concerns The Farmers Market Board

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt Farmers Market is returning to more normal operations as its shoppers are increasingly vaccinated. It would be logical, therefore, to imagine that life for the Market's organizers is getting less complicated. Unfortunately, though nobody quite knows why, the supply of volunteers to run the Market each week keeps falling short of typical numbers in previous years. A small group of devoted regulars deserves much thanks – but they are too few. Each week, ten volunteers are needed and on average, there are six or seven.

Volunteer Tasks

Set-up and take-down each require three people to help for about 45 minutes before/after the Market, respectively, and the information booth must be staffed (two shifts, 10 a.m. to noon and noon to 2 p.m. each with two people). The information booth is not physically demanding but set-up and take-down require some lifting and a vehicle is helpful (especially a van, pickup or hatchback).

If registered volunteers don't respond to the market master's email requests during the week, board members fill the gaps.

Board members, however, already spend many hours a week on regulatory compliance, accounting, vendor coordination, SNAP, community and sponsor accommodation, entertainment and other tasks (particularly during this recovery period) and shouldering more is demanding.

Love It or Lose It

Volunteering for the Farmers Market is the best way to demonstrate how much of an asset each resident feels the Farmers Market is to the Greenbelt community. Those who value its contribution to the city might consider devoting a couple of hours even once a month to assist a board already at full stretch coping with the Covid-19 transition.

Volunteering is easy. Email info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org, follow the volunteer link on the website at greenbeltfarmersmarket.org or sign up with Market Master Frances Ippoliti on Sunday.

Now the Market is underway and restrictions are being eased, there will be more activities that involve and connect its volunteers, acknowledging their contribution and fostering relationships.



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Set up and first shift volunteers celebrate the start of another Farmers Market. From left, John Gareri, Monica Deckers, Frances Ippoliti, Leon Strauss, Jane Huffman, Ray Zammuto and Mara Hemminger find fun and good company at the Market.

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holiday, and it included a heritage walk at Greenbelt Lake, Regina’s Black Artifacts Pop-up Museum inside the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and a food demonstration: How Much Sugar Do You Consume Daily run by Shaymar Higgs of The Space and sponsored by Beltway Plaza.

It was a festival and a history lesson together.

The dichotomy is at the heart of the day, according to Mayor Colin Byrd, who spoke at the garden. “We need to ask ourselves, are we interested in Juneteenth or are we committed to Juneteenth?” he asked. The commitment, Byrd said, comes from not just relaxing into a holiday, but fighting housing, food and education inequities, and promoting real and meaningful history lessons.

Next, Councilmember Emmett Jordan brought the event back to the garden, reminding everyone that the name came from a Native American legend about three wonderful sisters. Each sister was very different from the others, but each was stronger because the others were there. In this legend, one sister was corn, one was beans and one was squash. In Greenbelt, Jordan noted how the three gardens were each different, as were the three parts of Greenbelt, and yet each is beautiful and important.

The Three Sisters Gardens were the brainchild of CHEARS and specifically Maggie Cahalan, one of the group’s founders. The gardens are designed to be lush and full of color, produce food and be a place for public art, especially sculptures.

But it is the commitment to being good stewards of the land that is ingrained in Lambright Davis’ young volunteer Earth Squad, who were represented by Yudorah and Ezekiel Sancoh as well as the volunteers who work the other gardens.

And that makes these gardens all the more important, noted Councilmember Judith Davis, saying, “Because it isn’t only that they provide a unified environment in the city, but they teach about the environment period.”



Greenbelt Park Rangers Patrick, Danielle, and Liz present the Heritage Tour at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, June 19. The rangers lead the group on the trail around the Lake and include several discussion stops, along with information about the Lake’s ecology, its wildlife, and its history.



Black History Committee co-chair Leeann Irwin and Three Sisters Garden coordinator Carolyn Lambright Davis talk about the garden’s sculpture, The Well-Fed Woodchuck by Joseph Stebbing. It is one of three sculptures commissioned by CHEARS for the Three Sisters Gardens, in partnership with Alight Dance Theater and the City of Greenbelt.



Regina’s Black Artifacts Pop-up History Museum has a table devoted to Barack Obama’s election.



Shaymar Higgs of The Space and Rebecca Oxley, who works at the Greenbelt Public Library, demonstrate the amount of sugar in various kinds of food and drink.

Maryland History

Divided State to Emancipation

by Leigh Ryan

(Part two of a two-part series)

Maryland increasingly became a divided state, essentially pitting rural areas vs. urban areas. Dependent on agriculture and needing large numbers of workers, the more rural areas, mostly in the eastern and southern counties and including Prince George’s County, supported chattel slavery. Urban areas tended to promote freedom for those in bondage. Already a major port, Baltimore grew into a center of trade and industry with an urban population of free Blacks larger than those in New York or Philadelphia. It was also the center of the Maryland abolitionist movement and housed an influential newspaper, the Baltimore American, that backed ending slavery.

Some recognized that the end of chattel slavery was likely inevitable and took action to hedge again the consequences. Some have suggested that Riversdale’s owner Charles Benedict Calvert, agricultural reformer and politician, foresaw the demise of slavery in the state. Anticipating this, he founded the Maryland Agricultural College (now the University of Maryland) in 1856 to educate future planters in state-of-the-art agricultural practices. (Riversdale House Museum is five miles south of Greenbelt.)

Congress freed the slaves in the District of Columbia in 1862, compensating their owners. The Emancipation Proclamation,

which freed the slaves in the 11 Confederate states that had seceded, took effect on January 1, 1863. Maryland was a Union state, but just barely, and it didn’t act until 1864, when it held a referendum. Even then, the outcome was slow in coming.

In December 1863, the Union Party was the most powerful in the state. It exercised its strong position by successfully calling for a motion to end slavery, followed by months of debate. Finally, the motion was tied to a referendum in fall 1864 for changes to the Maryland Constitution of 1851. Not only was the vote close, but it was the absentee ballots of Union soldiers that tipped the balance in favor of abolishing slavery in Maryland.

The original count of votes cast at citizens’ usual polling locations was 29,536 against the new constitution and 27,541 for it. The final count, however, included the absentee ballots, changing the totals to 30,174 for the new constitution and 29,799 against. Thus, the state adopted the Maryland Constitution of 1864 on November 1, replacing the Maryland Constitution of 1851. Article 24 of the new constitution outlawed slavery, and so Maryland celebrates November 1 as its Emancipation Day.

Though a huge step forward for Maryland, this change in its laws would create many challenges.

Nominations Are Now Sought For 2021’s Outstanding Citizen

by Bob Zugby

The Labor Day Festival Committee is looking forward to a Labor Day Festival this year. That includes the selection of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen for 2021.

A committee selects 2021’s Outstanding Citizen, but that selection is made from nominations submitted from the community. Identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers requires input from any and all citizens. Help identify this year’s Outstanding Citizen by completing the nomination form (on page 7). Describe the nominee’s contributions to the community or acts of kindness. Nominations are due by Monday, August 2. This year’s honoree will be the 47th since the award began in 1973.

Behind every successful nonprofit organization in Greenbelt is a team of volunteers. Without volunteers, the city’s cooperatives would not function. Without concerned citizens who freely give their time, the City of Greenbelt would not benefit from the work and feedback provided by its advisory boards and committees. Volunteers run youth programs. Without their leadership, sports programs and scout programs would be impossible. Volunteers shuttle senior citizens to their medical appointments.

Volunteerism is the very soul of the Greenbelt community. Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival is a time for residents to recognize and honor volunteers for their selfless contributions and recognize the irreplaceable impact of their time and energy.



The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen for 2021. Besides recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

Every Greenbelt resident knows individuals who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to the community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee counts on nominators to keep this one of Greenbelt’s special events.

Bob Zugby is the chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee.

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